(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the high-speed internet connections provided in Andhra Pradesh during the last one and half year; and

(d) by when the same would be provided to schools and colleges in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Schemes of Central Government and University Grants Commission to provide assistance for computers to selected schools and colleges do not insist on high speed connectivity (speed of 512 Kbps or higher).

(c) No high speed internet connections has been provided in schools and colleges of Andhra Pradesh under UGC Scheme or the Jnformation and Communication Technology @ School Scheme implemented by the Ministry.

(d) There is no proposal by the Central Government at present to fund high speed internet connectivity to schools and colleges in any State.

Distorted presentation of Jain religion

†*270. SHIR LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by NCERT regarding distorted presentation of Jain Religion in the history text book "Pracheen Bharat" prescribed for class XI;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) NCERT is issuing instructions to amend the relevant passage in the text book.

Duty on registration of residential units

*271. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to fix a uniform rate of duty for registration of residential units throughout the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the States imposing a considerably higher percentage of duty on property registration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Being a State subject by virtue of Entry 63 in List-ll (State List) in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, making any legislation on Stamp Duty reduction does not come under the purview of Union Government.

However, a scheme of Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) was under operation since 28.6.2003 till 31.3.2005 for giving incentives to the State/ UTs, which were willing to carry out urban reforms out of the specified list. One of the reforms was related to reduction of Stamp Duty to not more than 5% by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan. An amount of Rs. 283,503 crore was released to various State Governments for taking necessary steps under URIF.

URIF as a separate scheme has been discontinued since 31.3.2005 and has been subsumed in the recently launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3.12.2005.

Reservation in NTs

272. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 4000 seats available in various Indian Institutes of Technology all over the country;

(b) the system of reservation for these 4000 seats, category-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake by 5 per cent this year; and

(d) the details of Government's plans to make better and optimum use of the vast buildings and equipments at various IITs?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) 3890 seats are available in B. Tech. and Dual Degree Programmes in the seven IITs.

In the IITs, in each programme, 15% and 7.5% of seats are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Schedule Tribe (ST) categories, respectively. Candidates belonging to these categories are